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Dear Tim,

Thank you for your further correspondence of 20 January and 13 February on behalf of your constituent Ms Anne McConway about COVID-19 transmission. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I was sorry to read of Ms McConway's dissatisfaction with our reply of 16 January (our ref: PO-1550570), and I appreciate her continuing concerns.

However, there is little I can add to that reply. The UK Government remains in line with the World Health Organization's position that COVID-19 is not predominantly transmitted through the airborne route. The evidence given at the COVID-19 Inquiry by representatives of NHS England also aligns with current scientific evidence, and the Government's support of that remains unchanged.

Until scientific evidence confirms a change in transmission dynamics, current infection prevention and control measures will remain in place – these prioritise ventilation, hygiene and appropriate use of personal protective equipment.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

ASHLEY DALTON